

REMARKS

Entry of the instant Amendment After Final Action is respectfully requested, on the basis that the instant amendment “merely cancels claims, adopts examiner suggestions . . . or in some other way requires only a cursory review by the examiner” (MPEP 714.03) (emphasis added). Upon such entry, Claims 1, 4, 6-17, 19-30, and 32-40 will be pending. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 14, 27, and 39-40 have been amended. Claims 3, 5, 18, and 31 have been canceled.

“Allowable Subject Matter” Per Final Office Action

The Final Office Action dated December 17, 2007 (“Final Office Action”) indicated at Paragraph 13 that Claims 5, 18, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance therewith, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 3 and 5, and Claims 14 and 27 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 18 and 31, respectively. The objection at Paragraphs 6-7 of the Final Office Action has also been addressed, with the phrase “is selected from” replaced by “is one of” to more clearly require that *each* of the first and second medical images is *either* a digitized analog image *or* a digitally acquired image. Claims 39 and 40 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner suggestion at Paragraph 9 of the Final Office Action relating to 35 USC § 101 subject matter. Claims 39 and 40 have each been further amended to recite substantively the same limitations as Claim 14 and Claim 1, respectively, except that Claims 39 and 40 are in computer readable medium format.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3014. If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3014. If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney. Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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